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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INFO ON ILO ACTIVITIES

REF: A) STATE 206157 B) STATE 203991

1. IN VIEW OF THE CONSTRAINTS ON SEEKING INFORMATION IMPOSED BY REFTELS, LITTLE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ON ILO ACTIVITIES IN HONDURAS. THE BEST AVAILABLE INFORMATION INDICATES THAT THERE ARE TWO TO THREE ILO EXPERTS WORKING WITH THE NATIONAL VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTER (INFOP), ONE WORKING WITH THE ECONOMIC PLANNING COUNCIL, ONE WORKING ON RURAL EMPLOYMENT, AND SEVERAL SHORT TERM EXPERTS WORKING WITH BOTH THE LABOR MINISTRY AND OTHER GOH AGENCIES. IT APPEARS THAT THERE IS NO ILO EXPERT WORKING ON COOPERATIVE ADMINISTRATION.

2. THE LABMIN HAS REQUESTED ILO ASSISTANCE IN TWO PROJECTS, AN ADMINISTRATIVE RE-ORGANIZATION OF THE MINISTRY AND IN REVISING THE HONDURAN LABOR CODE. HIS INITIAL REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE WAS TURNED DOWN DUE TO LACK OF FUNDS. THE LABMIN LATER MET WITH THE REGIONAL ILO DIRECTOR IN BOLIVIA WHO FINALLY AGREED TO SEND THE ASSISTANCE ON CONDITION THAT THE GOH MAKE A SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE ILO AMOUNTING TO HALF OF THE COST OF THE EXPERTS. SINCE THEN, WORK ON THE TWO PROJECTS HAS RUN SERIOUSLY BEHIND SCHEDULE AND ACCORDING TO THE LABMIN IS OF MEDIOCRE QUALITY. FURTHER, THE ILO HAS BEEN SENDING EXPERTS TO THE LABOR MINISTRY IN AREAS IN WHICH THE MINISTER HAS NO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DESIRE FOR ASSISTANCE. THE MINISTER'S IMPRESSION WAS THAT THE

OTHER ILO EXPERTS WITH WHOM HE HAS CONTACT, PARTICULARLY INFOP,
ARE DOING SIMILARLY MEDIOCRE WORK. THE LABMIN WAS ALSO ANNOYED
ABOUT THE SALARIES BEING PAID THE ILO EXPERTS, WHICH HE
CLAIMS RUN TO ABOUT \$2,000 A MONTH PER MAN. HE FEELS THAT THE
ILO EXPERTS PERFORMANCE TO DATE DOES NOT WARRANT THESE
EXCESSIVE SALARIES.
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